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UTILITY PATENT APPLICATION TRANSMITTAL

(Only for new nonprovisional applications under 37 CFR 1.53(b))

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| Attorney Docket No. | F-307 |
| First Inventor | Ralph; |
| Title | Artificial Intervertebral Disc Having a Wave Washer Force Restoring Element |
| Express Mail Label No. | ER005068897US |

APPLICATION ELEMENTS

See MPEP chapter 600 concerning utility patent application contents.

1. Fee Transmittal Form (e.g., PTO/SB/17)
(Submit an original and a duplicate for fee processing)

2. Applicant claims small entity status.
See 37 CFR 1.27.

3. Specification [Total Pages 38]
(preferred arrangement set forth below)

- Descriptive title of the invention
- Cross Reference to Related Applications
- Statement Regarding Fed sponsored R & D
- Reference to sequence listing, a table, or a computer program listing appendix
- Background of the Invention
- Brief Summary of the Invention
- Brief Description of the Drawings (if filed)
- Detailed Description
- Claim(s)
- Abstract of the Disclosure

4. Drawing(s) (35 U.S.C. 113) [Total Sheets 8]

5. Oath or Declaration [Total Pages 3]

- a. Newly executed (original or copy)
- b. Copy from a prior application (37 CFR 1.63 (d))
(for continuation/divisional with Box 18 completed)
 - i. **DELETION OF INVENTOR(S)**
Signed statement attached deleting inventor(s) named in the prior application, see 37 CFR 1.63(d)(2) and 1.33(b).

6. Application Data Sheet. See 37 CFR 1.76

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7. CD-ROM or CD-R in duplicate, large table or Computer Program (Appendix)

8. Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission (if applicable, all necessary)

- a. Computer Readable Form (CRF)
- b. Specification Sequence Listing on:
 - i. CD-ROM or CD-R (2 copies); or
 - ii. paper
- c. Statements verifying identity of above copies

ACCOMPANYING APPLICATION PARTS

9. Assignment Papers (cover sheet & document(s))

10. 37 CFR 3.73(b) Statement Power of Attorney
(when there is an assignee)

11. English Translation Document (if applicable)

12. Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)/PTO-1449 Copies of IDS Citations

13. Preliminary Amendment

14. Return Receipt Postcard (MPEP 503)
(Should be specifically itemized)

15. Certified Copy of Priority Document(s)
(if foreign priority is claimed)

16. Nonpublication Request under 35 U.S.C. 122 (b)(2)(B)(i). Applicant must attach form PTO/SB/35 or its equivalent.

17. Other:

18. If a CONTINUING APPLICATION, check appropriate box, and supply the requisite information below and in a preliminary amendment, or in an Application Data Sheet under 37 CFR 1.76:

 Continuation Divisional Continuation-in-part (CIP)

of prior application No.: 10 / 177,377

Prior application information: Examiner _____

Group Art Unit: _____

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| Filing Date | 2/4/2004 |
| First Named Inventor | Ralph; |
| Examiner Name | |
| Group Art Unit | |
| Attorney Docket No. | F-307 |

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FEE CALCULATION (continued)

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| 127 | 50 | 227 | 25 Surcharge - late provisional filing fee or cover sheet | |
| 139 | 130 | 139 | 130 Non-English specification | |
| 147 | 2,520 | 147 | 2,520 For filing a request for ex parte reexamination | |
| 112 | 920* | 112 | 920* Requesting publication of SIR prior to Examiner action | |
| 113 | 1,840* | 113 | 1,840* Requesting publication of SIR after Examiner action | |
| 115 | 110 | 215 | 55 Extension for reply within first month | |
| 116 | 390 | 216 | 195 Extension for reply within second month | |
| 117 | 890 | 217 | 445 Extension for reply within third month | |
| 118 | 1,390 | 218 | 695 Extension for reply within fourth month | |
| 128 | 1,890 | 228 | 945 Extension for reply within fifth month | |
| 119 | 310 | 219 | 155 Notice of Appeal | |
| 120 | 310 | 220 | 155 Filing a brief in support of an appeal | |
| 121 | 270 | 221 | 135 Request for oral hearing | |
| 138 | 1,510 | 138 | 1,510 Petition to institute a public use proceeding | |
| 140 | 110 | 240 | 55 Petition to revive - unavoidable | |
| 141 | 1,240 | 241 | 620 Petition to revive - unintentional | |
| 142 | 1,240 | 242 | 620 Utility issue fee (or reissue) | |
| 143 | 440 | 243 | 220 Design issue fee | |
| 144 | 600 | 244 | 300 Plant issue fee | |
| 122 | 130 | 122 | 130 Petitions to the Commissioner | |
| 123 | 50 | 123 | 50 Processing fee under 37 CFR 1.17(q) | |
| 126 | 180 | 126 | 180 Submission of Information Disclosure Stmt | |
| 581 | 40 | 581 | 40 Recording each patent assignment per property (times number of properties) | |
| 146 | 710 | 246 | 355 Filing a submission after final rejection (37 CFR § 1.129(a)) | |
| 149 | 710 | 249 | 355 For each additional invention to be examined (37 CFR § 1.129(b)) | |
| 179 | 710 | 279 | 355 Request for Continued Examination (RCE) | |
| 169 | 900 | 169 | 900 Request for expedited examination of a design application | |

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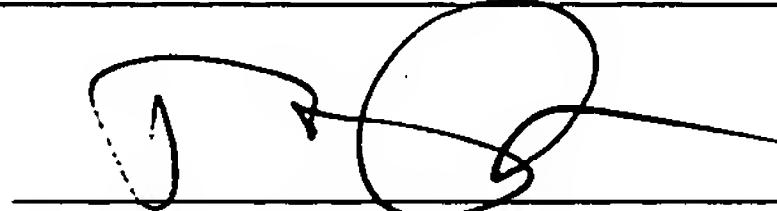
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DOCUMENTS INCLUDED:

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- Specification and Claims (38 pages) including 5 pages of claims)
- Informal Drawings (8 sheets)
- Oath(s) or Declaration(s) (3 pages)
- Power(s) of Attorney (1 pages)
- Assignment(s) (pages)
- Recordation Form Cover Sheet (1 page) (in duplicate)
- Statement Under 37 CFR 3.73(b) (1 page) (including 9 pages of attachments)
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